to the panchayat should be investigated. The panchayat board was informed that its water-supply scheme would be taken up in its turn in the priority list."

Holiday with wages for workers on Republic and Independence Days.

* 449 Q.—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have declared as holidays with wages the Republic Day and the Independence Day for all the workers in the various industrial concerns in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether they are granted in lieu of the original ten days given to labourers per year?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Government have declared these two days as holidays with wages to workers in establishments under their control and have also appealed to all employers to declare these two holidays with wages.

" (*b*) These holidays will not be in substitution of existing holidays."

Centre for E.S.L.C. Public Examination in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district.

* 450 Q.—Sri K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Higher Elementary School, Alanallur, and Higher Elementary School, Thachampara, Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, are clubbed together for the purpose of E.S.L.C. Public Examination and the examination is to be held at a place different from both?

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes. Both the schools have been clubbed together for the E.S.L.C. Public Examination. The candidates will have to appear for the examination at the centre in the K.T.M. High School, Mannarghat, Walluvanad taluk."

Acquisition of house-sites for Harijans in West Godavari district.

* 451 Q.—Sri M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases of acquisition of house-sites for Harijans and Harijan Christians pending on 31st December 1952 on talukwar basis, West Godavari district, in which (i) investigations are not yet over; (ii) investigations are over; (iii) sanction orders were passed; (iv) advance moneys were collected and (v) awards were passed; and

(*b*) the amount of advance moneys collected in (*a*) (iv) in West Godavari district from 1946 to 31st December 1952?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—

" (a)	Eluru	31
	Tanuku	29
	Tadepalligudem	34
	Narasapur	17
	Bhimavaram	18
	Chintalapudi	13
	Kovvur	83
	Polavaram	3

(i)	13
(ii)	197
(iii)	18
(iv)	22
(v)	97

" (b) Rupees 65,405–8–0."

Maintenance of the Cuddapah-Balupalli road.

* 452 *Q*.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the District Board, Cuddapah, has requested recently the Government to transfer to the Highways Department the Cuddapah-Balupalli road; and if so, what action the Government have taken?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The District Board, Cuddapah, has not recently made any such representation. The question was, however, considered by the Government but deferred in view of financial stringency."

Minor irrigation works in Visakhapatnam district.

* 454 *Q*.—SRI M. VEERABHADRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the amount allotted to Visakhapatnam district for minor irrigation works for the year 1952–53; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the District Collector, Visakhapatnam, asked for more allotment of money for the same as the allotted amount was found inadequate to meet the requirements?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 453 (40) (starred)[a]".

" (*b*) The Collector applied for and was granted an additional allotment, but later on he surrendered a sum of Rs. 17,500."

[a] Answered on 15th July 1953.